Message

From: Neal, Daria (CRT) [Daria.Neal@usdoj.gov]
Sent: 2/22/2017 3:21:52 PM
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CC: Stoneman, Christine (CRT) [Christine.Stoneman@usdoj.gov]
Subject: RE: Earthjustice Complaint Against Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA), and the Hawaii Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC)

Hi Lily,
I was told Carl Martin-Ruiz is still the POC for this complaint. I can try to facilitate a call this week with him you your office to try to push them along. Would you be ok with that?

From: Dorka, Lilian [mailto:Dorka.Lilian@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 10:04 PM
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Thanks so much Daria!

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 17, 2017, at 6:12 PM, Neal, Daria (CRT) <Daria.Neal@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> Hello Lily,
> I emailed Anna Stroman and Bobbie Moore in the Assistant Secretary's office at USDA today and provided them a copy of the letters. Both indicated that they would get back to me regarding their point of contact for the complaint. I am out Tuesday, but if I don't hear anything by then, I will call each of them.
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> Have a good weekend.
> Daria
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> **From:** Dorka, Lilian [mailto:Dorka.Lilian@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2017 9:18 AM
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> **Subject:** FW: Earthjustice Complaint Against Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA), and the Hawaii Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC)
> **Importance:** High

Hello Christine and Daria,

Hope you are both doing well! As you know, this Earthjustice complaint against HDOA and ADC was filed in September 2016 with both EPA and USDA. We are ready to issue the attached letters accepting this complaint for investigation.

As you will see, we have drafted the letters in anticipation that USDA would join us in accepting and investigation this case. We reached out to folks at USDA (Fred Pfeiffle, Carl Martin-Ruiz and Tyson Williams) a few times at the end of last year to discuss the complaint and how to coordinate the development of an acceptance letter, etc. However, we did not receive any substantive feedback from them and they failed to attend two conference calls that we scheduled, with no follow up contact on their part.

We need to move forward on this case and issue the attached letter ASAP. The complainants have been reaching out to us. At this time, we are hoping you can assist us regarding the coordination of this case. Would it be possible for you to share these draft letters with USDA (or I can share) and most importantly, would you be able to assist us in gauging USDA's level of interest in joining us in investigating this case? EPA is prepared to issue these letters without reference to USDA and to process this complaint on our own. However, if USDA is interested in and committed to a fully collaborative investigation/resolution, we certainly want to allow for that opportunity.

Thanks in advance for any assistance you can provide. Please let me know if you want to discuss. Lily

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